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Letter to Alvin Austin from Douglas MacArthur, c. 1946

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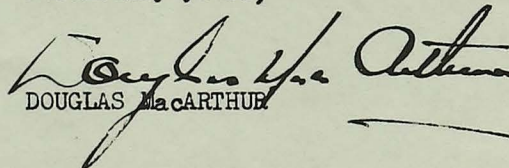
**OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER
FOR THE ALLIED POWERS**

Dear Mr. Austin:

I am grateful for the kindly and inspiring sentiments expressed in your letter of 11 January and the invitation to be with you next June. There is no present indication, however, suggestive that my operational duties will permit my absence from Japan at that time and hence I regret my inability to accept.

It is peculiarly appropriate during this year of victory that the annual Father's Day ceremony should be dedicated to the honor of the men and women who with magnificent courage and unyielding determination sustained our sacred cause on battlefields throughout the world. We should at the same time bow our heads in reverent memory of those gallant fathers who fought that their sons and daughters might not later themselves have to fight and now rest in eternal sleep - and honor those fathers who here grieve for sons and daughters whose blood was the price that this year of victory might be.

Faithfully yours,


DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

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